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"*Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow . . . And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord*" (PHIL. 2:9-11).

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PRESIDENT GRANT'S CONFERENCE MESSAGE.*

IT is certainly an inspiring sight to see this building so well filled at the first session of our semi-annual conference. I feel truly grateful to the Lord for His blessings to us as a people during the past year. Our harvests have been very abundant. There is a feeling of contentment to-day throughout this intermountain country, where the Latter-day Saints are located, that is very different, financially speaking, from what it was two years ago to-day.

We are grateful indeed for the blessings that have come to the people during the past two years, and we humbly pray that they may be continued upon the Saints, that the land may yield abundantly, and that peace and prosperity may continue with all of the people of the Lord. Above all it is the desire of the Presidency of the Church and the General Authorities that the Latter-day Saints may grow in the light, the knowledge, and the testimony of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, which has been restored to the earth again, through the instrumentality of the Prophet Joseph Smith. While we rejoice in the material prosperity of the people, we rejoice more in the growth of faith and knowledge and the love of God and a desire to serve him on their part.

During the past six months we have had the privilege of receiving a visit from the President of the United States, who spoke from this stand, and who later visited the southern part of our State. We all know that he has since been called from life. As I stated here upon one occasion, I am very grateful that Presi-

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dent Harding had the opportunity of meeting and mingling with the people of our State and of the adjoining States, where so many of the Latter-day Saints are located. I rejoiced when he said to me as I was dining with him in the Yellowstone Park, that his good opinion of our people had been enhanced by his visit among them. I am grateful that the high office he held until his death is now occupied by a man who I believe with all my heart is worthy of that exalted position. I desire, and I am sure that all Latter-day Saints desire, that the inspiration that comes from God may be given to President Coolidge in the great office which he holds, and that wisdom may come to him and his cabinet in directing the affairs of our beloved country.

We as Latter-day Saints have much to be thankful for. We are just completing in Idaho Falls a magnificent hospital, which when completed and furnished, will cost about four hundred thousand dollars, and will be a lasting monument to the integrity of our people and their devotion to God. Otherwise we would not have had the means to have created such a magnificent structure in our adjoining state.

There has been dedicated a temple to the Most High God in a foreign land, the first that has ever been erected outside the confines or dependencies of the United States. The cost of the Alberta Temple, including furniture, equipment, lawns, grounds, and in fact the building complete, is seven hundred and eighty-one thousand, four hundred and seventy-nine dollars and ninety cents—over three quarters of a million dollars expended there in completing a house to God, dedicated for sacred purposes. Many of us had the opportunity of attending the sessions, eleven in all, at each of which the dedicatory prayer was read, and remarks were made upon more than one occasion by all of the General Authorities who were in attendance, by many of the officers of the Church, and by many of the people who were there as visitors.

I rejoice in being able to say that that same sweet, peaceful, God-like and inspiring spirit that I have had the opportunity of enjoying at the dedication of the Logan Temple, of the Manti Temple, of the Salt Lake Temple, and the one in the Hawaiian Islands, was present with us upon all of the occasions when we met in the Alberta Temple. I rejoice that there was a rich outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord during all of the eleven sessions that were held in that Temple, and that those who were present partook of that spirit, and that the visitors and the local people were satisfied in their hearts and able to bear witness that the Lord, by the rich outpourings of His Spirit was with us throughout the sacred services.

There stands out in my mind in the various dedications of temples that I have had the privilege of attending, a feeling of gratitude and thanksgiving to God that I was permitted to be

present at these dedications, and to partake of the spirit that was always present. It is the spirit that giveth life, while the letter killeth; and I can testify that the spirit of the living God has been present at the time of the dedication of each and all of the temples that I have had the great privilege and honor of attending.

If we, as Latter-day Saints, live the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, our spirits are perfectly attuned, so that we really partake of the inspiration of the living God that is present in the conference gatherings of the Latter-day Saints and I know that no faithful Latter-day Saint could have been present at Logan, at Manti, at Salt Lake City, in the Hawaiian Islands, or in Cardston at the dedication of the several temples but what he or she was thrilled by the spirit of God that was present upon all of those occasions. No Latter-day Saint has attended any of those sessions who has not gone away with an increased love of God, with an increased desire to serve God, with a renewed determination to live more faithfully to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ that we have espoused.

It called to mind two occasions while in the missionary field that were remarkable to me, for they compared in my affections and in my feelings with the blessed experiences incident to the dedication of these temples. One of them was when we had all of the Elders of the British mission and representatives from Europe present at Bradford—several hundred missionaries, and we had a spiritual feast. We had what would be called "a red letter day," spiritually. The Lord God Almighty blessed us abundantly upon that occasion. I call to mind another instance in Rotterdam, where many of the missionaries of the Netherlands mission, including Belgium and Holland, and many from the Swiss and German mission were present. Our meeting lasted until midnight, and I am sure that no one of the many Elders who were assembled there was the least bit weary because of the length of the meeting. There were tears of gratitude and thanksgiving to the living God for an abiding knowledge and testimony of the divinity of the work in which we are engaged, shed in great profusion upon that occasion. The fear of God was with us, and we rejoiced exceedingly.

On the 22nd day of September last we had the privilege—four of the General Authorities from this city and one who was located at Brooklyn as the president of the Eastern States mission, Brother Brigham H. Roberts—of being present at the wonderful conference held at the Joseph Smith farm, in the Sacred Grove, and at the Hill Cumorah, celebrating the one-hundredth anniversary of Joseph Smith's first view of the plates from which the Book of Mormon was later translated. A very remarkable conference for three days was held there. A rich outpouring of the Spirit of the living God was experienced. I am grateful, indeed,

to President Brigham H. Roberts for arranging that conference, for I am free to confess, that in the multitude of duties and responsibilities resting upon me, I might have neglected that one hundredth anniversary. I feel grateful to Brother Roberts that he did not allow it to pass without a very splendid conference. It was one that each and every person who attended will look back to with that same pleasure and joy and satisfaction with which we look back upon the dedication of our temples, and the passing of other mile-stones, so to speak, in the history of this Church.

I remarked in the first meeting that we were sorry beyond expression that President Roberts' health was such that he could not be present, that it seemed to me very much like the great play of Hamlet with Hamlet left out. Brother Roberts had prepared a very remarkable program, covering many episodes and historical matters in connection with the rise of the Church through the one hundred years, nearly, of its history; and there were no words with which we could convey adequately our regret that the man to whom we were indebted for all of these labors could not take a more active part than he did because of his poor heath upon that occasion; and yet we rejoice that he was able to lift up his voice on several occasions during that conference, and also to be present during some of the meetings, although his health was such that he had to withdraw from a few of them before their close. I have expressed, and heard others who were present express sincere and heartfelt regret that the prayer delivered by Brother Roberts in the Sacred Grove on Sunday morning, September 23rd, was not taken down in writing. I cannot remember when my heart was more stirred, and when I have had my affection called out to the Lord more perfectly than upon the occasion when Brother Roberts uttered that prayer in the Sacred Grove, where the Lord God Almighty, and where Jesus Christ our Redeemer, had appeared and conversed with the prophet, or more properly speaking, with the boy Joseph Smith, afterward the prophet of the living God.

We know, of course, that the world doubts that God and Jesus Christ spoke in that grove to Joseph Smith; but there is no Latter-day Saint living who has kept the commandments of God, and has received the witness of the Holy Spirit that we are engaged in His work, who has any doubt in his or her mind that the Lord God Almighty, that Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the world, the Savior of mankind, did talk to that boy. And those of us who had the privilege of assembling in that grove Sunday morning, September 23rd, and partaking of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, in witness to God of our remembrance of the death and suffering, and of the atoning blood of our Redeemer, and who listened to the inspiring words of the prayer of supplication by Brother Roberts, had our faith increased and strengthened, and

had our hearts mellowed in gratitude to the living God for the rich outpourings of His Spirit at that sacred spot. I believe that if I had more thoroughly partaken of the spirit of that conference prior to going there, that arrangements would have been made to have hundreds of the Latter-day Saints present It was only a very short time prior to this one-hundredth anniversary that I felt impressed that I ought to go there. Last May I thought, perhaps I would go, but scarcely felt the full inspiration of it. However, just before the conference was to be held, the impression came to me that it would be a very serious mistake if the man whom the Lord had seen fit to honor in placing him to preside over the Church of Christ, established through the instrumentality of that boy who, one hundred and three years ago, conversed with God the Father, and the Savior, and one hundred years ago saw for the first time the plates from which the Book of Mormon was translated, did not attend that celebration. I was very grateful that two of the Council of the Twelve happened to be in the East at the time, so that they could also be there; and in thinking the matter over I felt that it would be very fitting indeed for one of the blood relatives of the Prophet Joseph Smith to be there at that remarkable celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the first view of the plates from which the Book of Mormon was transcribed.

I have read within the past few weeks what a lot of rot the Book of Mormon is, what an absurd, ridiculous book it is. I want to say that it was my pleasure to be very intimately acquainted with the late William W. Riter, than whom there are few men in all the Church who were greater readers and greater students and who had more analytical and thoughtful minds. The last time that I heard Brother Riter speak was in a meeting in the ward where I reside. He was a man who read and studied a great deal. Among other things he made the statement, which was greatly to my surprise, that for many many years he had read the Book of Mormon through regularly every year. I never dreamed that he would take the time to do so. And he said that he found new inspiration, new uplifting thoughts, that he enjoyed the book, he believed, more each time that he read it than he had previously done. He said that nobody could find anything in that book that was not calculated to uplift mankind, and to improve them; that there was no book that more perfectly inspired a love of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the world, by its contents, than did the Book of Mormon; that there was not one single incident, not one paragraph in that book, that could offend the most sensitive soul. I have regretted beyond expression that the very remarkable and splendid sermon that he gave that night was not taken down in shorthand.

I am pleased to be able to inform the people that the work on the Arizona temple is progressing satisfactorily, that next month

we hope to lay the corner-stone and deposit some records in that stone, and that we hope in the near future to have that building completed for sacred ordinance work.

We are making very extensive improvements, almost completed now, giving greater facilities for taking care of larger numbers of people in the Salt Lake temple. Many of those improvements, however, have had to be made underground because of the conditions that face us. We have made some improvements, also, in the Logan temple for increased capacity in doing temple work there.

There have been changes in the following missions.

Hugo D. E. Peterson has been made the president of the Swedish mission, succeeding Gideon E. Hulterstrom.

John S. Hansen has been made president of the Danish mission, succeeding Carl E. Peterson.

Angus T. Wright has been made president of the New Zealand mission, succeeding George F. Taylor.

Ernest LeRoy Butler has been made president of the Samoa mission, succeeding John Quincy Adams.

Martin A. Robertson has been appointed to succeed Lloyd Ivie as president of the Japan mission. Brother Ivie has not yet returned. We received a cablegram, however, from him, stating that our missionaries in Japan were safe. We have not yet had a letter from him since the terrible catastrophe of earthquake and fire in that land, but we are grateful indeed to the Lord that all of our missionaries in Japan were preserved during the awful calamity that came to that country.

Albert R. Peterson has been made president of the Norwegian mission, succeeding August S. Schow.

Fred J. Tadje has been made president of the Swiss and German mission, succeeding Serge F. Ballif.

Charles S. Hyde has been made president of the Netherlands mission, succeeding John P. Lillywhite.

The work in all our missions is progressing very favorably indeed. We are thankful for the splendid labors being performed in all of the missions throughout the world. The one cry that comes from every mission is: Send us more Elders. The people are becoming interested in the work of the Lord. "We could use twice as many Elders," is the word that comes from many of the missions.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.

WHAT can I do as an individual to make the world a better place in which to live?

I can carry a message of good cheer to every individual I meet.

I can offer a word of encouragement to every one I know who is striving for a worthy cause in the midst of discouragement.

I can by some little personal sacrifice make some more unfortunate person glad he is living.

I can render some service with my good, strong hands that will relieve suffering.

I can start a little song in the morning that some one will hear and carry on and on; no telling how far it will go.

I can supplant selfishness, greed and hate in my own heart with altruism, magnanimity and love.

I can be straight, honest and reliable, one hundred per cent. loyal, and by my actions show my appreciation to God for His mercy and justice.—SELECTED.

ALL CAN DO SOMETHING.

WE cannot all make history,
We cannot make a name
That all the world remembers
By some great deed of fame.
But we can play the manly part
And do a kindly deed,
Give the right hand of fellowship
To a wandering soul in need.

We cannot all be emperors
And rule dominions great,
Or claim the homage of the poor,
Control affairs of state.
But we can hold the beacon light
Upon a stormy shore,
To guide the sailors on the deep
Safe into port once more.

We cannot all be preachers
And hold crowds in a spell,
Or paint the picture of a soul
Or the land where angels dwell.
But we can speak a word of cheer
To those upon life's way
Who perform the menial tasks
For scanty rates of pay.

We cannot live for self alone,
All belong to each other.
The man who begs from door to door
Can claim the king as brother.
These things are only understood
When love can move the earth
To deeds for one another's good,
To see each other's worth.

JOSEPH BROWN, Altrincham (Manchester conference).

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR.

DAVID O. MCKAY, Editor.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1923.

EDITORIAL:

THE CHURCH THAT IS FIRST IN IMPORTANCE.

A FEW days ago, the postman delivered at Durham House, 295 Edge Lane, Liverpool, a letter addressed as follows:

"The Main Church
of Liverpool, England."

As it bore neither name nor number, the General Post Office employee who sorted it among the letters to be taken to the headquarters of the European mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the postman who delivered it, manifested nice and discriminatory judgment. Although hundreds of thousands of people in Liverpool will not agree with them, yet the fact remains that they undoubtedly delivered the letter as addressed to "The Main Church of Liverpool."

The Church of Jesus Christ is not first in importance in members, nor in wealth, nor in influence, and most certainly not in popularity. Other churches in this great busy city are the main churches in these respects. But it is first in importance in the matter of authority to preach the Gospel of Christ and to officiate in the ordinances thereof. It is first in organization. It is first in its adoption of definite means of bringing salvation to the whole human family, the dead as well as the living. It is the main church in Liverpool in proclaiming the restoration of the Gospel through a personal visitation and revelation, in the nineteenth century, of God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. It is first in importance not only in Liverpool, but in all the world, in having undoubtedly the largest unsalaried ministry working daily, year in and year out, for the perfecting of the Saints, and for the preaching of the Gospel to all nations. It is first in importance in other matters, also, which relate directly and indirectly toward the establishing of the universal Brotherhood of Man, for which the world is vainly longing.

Two thousand years ago, there was a main church in Jerusalem; but there were hundreds of thousands of Jews and other dwellers in that ancient city who would not have acknowledged that it was the humble church founded by the despised Nazarene. Very few of the learned men of that day recognized the "fulfillment of Israel's religion in Jesus of Nazareth, as Messiah or Christ whom God

actually sent." Yet their refusing to recognize it did not alter the fact.

And so, to-day, the learned may smile, and the ignorant may sneer at the seeming presumption of an unpopular and insignificant group of religious worshippers accepting as their right the distinction of being the main church on earth. But however much men smile and sneer and doubt, God has decreed that it should be, and no power on earth can make it otherwise.

However, it was with no such thoughts as these that the Liverpool postman delivered the above-mentioned letter to the headquarters of the European mission. He saw a postmark, "Salt Lake City," and concluded that everything from that place rightly belongs to the so-called "Mormons." In this particular instance he was wrong; for the writer of the letter undoubtedly would have preferred it to go to any other church on earth than the one to which it was delivered. He was evidently visiting Salt Lake City, saw a news item in one of the local papers that acted as fat to his fiery hate of the "Mormons," and wrote the following letter to the Lord Mayor, addressing the envelope to "The Main Church of Liverpool." We need scarcely add that with a letter of explanation, we sent the envelope and letter to the Honorable Lord Mayor:

"G—— Iowa
November
19th 1923,

Mayor of Liverpool Eng,

Enclosed Please Fin A Note From the Beloved Mormon, S yndicate, Instead Of a Church, those Missionariers only to get the poor class of english and the poor irish, to come to this country to give the mormons their money, Poor Fools You People Should Get up in Arms And Stop Those Poor fools from coming to your country"

W—— H—— ,"

(Copy of newspaper clipping enclosed with the above):

"MISSIONARIES IN ENGLAND.

A telegram received at the L. D. S. church offices from the Canadian Pacific Steamship company this morning gives the arrival of the steamship *Montclare* at Liverpool, on November 16. The following L. D. S. missionaries were among the passengers: Roland V. Walker, Clyde Service, William G. Jenkson, John C. Harper, Leroy Winter, Horace P. Beesley, David L. Murdock and Glen R. Dorius."

There are many prejudiced minds and bitter hearts on the earth to-day, who, like the calumnious writer of the above will not deign to dignify Christ's divine organization with the name of "Church," who, some day, will yet recognize it as "The Main Church" in all the world.

It must be so; for it has been established by Jesus Christ Himself.

David O. McKay.

MINUTES OF THE BIRMINGHAM CONFERENCE.

THE semi-annual Birmingham conference was held the 2nd inst., in the Latter-day Saints' chapel, Handsworth, Birmingham. President David O. McKay and Elder William E. Allen of the Liverpool office, and President Francis R. Kirkham and all the traveling Elders of the Birmingham conference were in attendance.

The morning session commenced at 10:30 a.m. by the congregation's singing, "The Happy Day Has Rolled On." Elder Rodney D. Price offered the invocation. After the sacrament hymn, "Reverently and Meekly Now," the sacrament was administered by Elders William C. Thornley and Thomas Griffiths, assisted by Deacons John T. Pritchard and Frederick G. Mistoe.

The Sunday-school rendered an excellent program, using for a theme the restoration of the Gospel. Master Jack Ward gave a recitation involving the "Word of Wisdom"; the Handsworth primary class sang "Sing the Wondrous Story"; Miss Muriel Hunter recited from Joseph Smith's story of his first vision; Brother J. B. Ward related historical events leading up to the restoration; Miss Eva Millward gave an essay concerning the coming forth of the Book of Mormon; Miss Emma Seckington recited from the title-page of the Book of Mormon; "See the Mighty Angel Flying" was sung in quartet by Brothers G. R. Grundy, N. Dunn, C. Collins, and J. H. Makin of Handsworth; Brother R. L. Dunn explained salient features of the Angel Moroni's visit to the Prophet Joseph Smith.

"Ideal" is the word that describes the character of the Sunday-school exercises of the morning, President McKay said. He commended each feature of the program. In continuation, President McKay asked the question, "What good has the glorious revelation done?" To answer the question, the effect of the revelation on one man was related. President McKay impressively told the life-story of a South Sea island native who became a victim of so-called civilization. But upon learning the true story of his ancestors, he reformed his life and became a power for good. The revelation reformed the man, President McKay said. A better life is the fruit of "Mormonism."

For the closing hymn, the congregation sang "We Thank Thee, O God, For a Prophet." Elder J. Trevor Buddell offered the closing prayer.

Immediately following the Sunday-school session, President McKay met all the officers and teachers. In this meeting, means for accomplishing the aim for 1924 were outlined.

At 2:30 p.m., the afternoon session commenced. The opening song was "I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath." Brother H. H. Dobell offered the opening prayer. The congregation sang, "An Angel From On High."

The general, mission and conference authorities were unanimously sustained.

The local Priests who were in attendance were called upon to speak. Brother B. V. Green, the first speaker, testified to the truthfulness of the restored Gospel. Brother G. R. Grundy explained the duties of a Priest and said he was pleased to bear the calling. Brother A. Nock declared that the Gospel is a panacea for the troubles in the world. Brother Thomas White, the last Priest to speak, he said, hopes that he will be able to promulgate the truth.

Elder Kenneth Curtis bore his testimony of the Gospel, and said he is thankful for an opportunity to teach its principles.

Elder Rodney D. Price related an incident that proved to be an answer to prayer. Prayer, said he, strengthens his testimony of the restored Gospel.

Elder Lester D. Hovey said he is pleased to testify of the truth of "Mormonism" and to take its saving principles to the world.

That Joseph Smith was a true Prophet of God was the subject of Elder John H. Smeath.

A solo, "O Love Divine," was rendered by Elder Lester D. Hovey.

To teach the saving principles of Christ was his early ambition, Elder Elmer H. Lloyd said. He stated he is thankful to have this desire granted.

Elder Thomas Griffiths testified to the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon, and pointed out that to him that book is a testimony of the divinity of the work of Joseph Smith.

Elder J. Trevor Buddell told of his boyhood days which were spent in England. He explained that he had returned to teach the truths which mean so much to him.

A ship with its crew was compared to the Church and its members by Elder Marcellus R. Clark. He showed that the success of the ship depends upon the integrity of the crew. Just so is the success of the Church dependent upon the integrity of its members.

Elder William E. Allen explained that experience with evil is not necessary for progression. He said that spiritual growth is our aim. Environment exerts a remarkable influence. In the Church of Jesus Christ the most productive environment is found. He narrated specific instances to show the spiritual desirability which the environment of the Gospel produces.

The meeting concluded with the song, "O'er the Gloomy Hills of Darkness," and prayer offered by Elder William C. Thornley.

At 6:30 p.m., the evening session commenced by singing, "Come, Come, Ye Saints." The invocation was offered by Brother William Seckington, after which the congregation sang, "High on the Mountain Top."

President Kirkham welcomed all who were present.

Elder Joseph E. Tillotson, the first speaker, explained that peace and freedom are the result of obedience to Divine commandments, or obedience to law, and for that reason, peace and freedom are rewards among Latter-day Saints.

The quartet, "See the Mighty Angel Flying," sung in the morning session, was again rendered.

Elder William C. Thornley clearly illustrated the operation of the principle, "The Survival of the Fittest." He applied the Book of Mormon to that test. The Book of Mormon is fit, he said, because it contains truth and it survives because it is truer than any other book.

A solo, "Arouse Ye, O Israel," was sung by Brother Charles C. Edwards.

President McKay occupied the remainder of the time. He prefaced his address with illustrations depicting two types of "hurts"—one of the body and the other of the feelings. Of the two, the latter is often the more cruel. Man's inhumanity to man makes thousands mourn, he said.

From John, the 12th chapter, President McKay read the words spoken by the Savior by which all men will be judged in the last days. In continuation, he read from Matthew 7: 1-2: "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged." The Magna Charta was inaugurated because of unjust rulers. Reciting a poem, he showed how a man killed his brother, thinking him to be a criminal. Misjudgment caused the death of Abraham Lincoln. Joseph Smith, after being tried and acquitted thirty-seven times, was finally misjudged and martyred. Even the Savior of the world was misjudged and crucified. To-day, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is misjudged. President McKay recited the song, "Nay, Speak No Ill." He prayed that the world might not misjudge the Church, and that the world might learn the truth. Lastly, President McKay advised that there be mutual sympathy between man and wife and one another.

The closing hymn was "Nay, Speak No Ill." Brother John M. Joseph offered the benediction.

Excellent singing, appropriate talks, and the presence of many new investigators in the evening session were significant features of the conference. In the morning session there was an attendance of 123; in the afternoon, 100; and in the evening, 192.

JOSEPH E. TILLOTSON, Conference Clerk.

YOU can not live on sentiment any more than you can on macaroons or the fragrance of flowers. The food of life must be more nourishing; the garment of love is not all gold tissues. Its woof and warp are of stouter stuff, but how beautiful then is the golden thread of sentiment that runs through it!

BRIEF MENTION.

THE Nobel Prize for literature has been awarded to William Butler Yates, the noted Irish author.

THE Panama Canal netted, in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, a profit of £2,400,000 from all sources, excluding the Panama Railroad Steamship Line.

MORE than £300,000 has been contributed by the United States to the German child-feeding fund during the last six months, says a dispatch from Berlin.

KING GEORGE of Greece agreed, at the request of the Republican faction, to absent himself from Greece for two months, while the political situation is being cleared up.

THE Nobel prize for physics has been awarded to Dr. Robert Andrews Millikan, of Pasadena, California, says a dispatch from Stockholm. Dr. Millikan was the first to succeed in isolating an electron.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE has given his approval of plans for expansion of the Coast Guard for prevention of rum-smuggling. The plans contemplate an expenditure of £4,000,000 for new craft and additional personnel.

THE international race for fishing-vessels was called off when the captain of the Canadian boat, the "Bluenose," refused to continue after the second race was awarded to the "Columbia," an American vessel, on a technical foul. The "Bluenose" won the first race.

IN 1790, the distribution of the races making up the American population was in percentage of the total: English, 83.5; Scotch, 6.7; Irish, 1.6; Dutch, 2.0; French, 0.5; German, 5.6; all other, 0.1. Commenting upon these figures, the *World's Work* says, "The peoples that made up the original American population all came from Northwestern Europe—Great Britain, Germany, Holland and France. Numerically, as well as historically, these persons are the American race. All other peoples are vastly in the minority. This fact should form the basis of American immigration policy."

CHARLES PROTEUS STEINMETZ, Chief Consulting Engineer of the General Electric Company, died at Schenectady, New York, October 26th. A hunchback, born in Breslau, Germany, April 9, 1865, he succeeded in securing the tribute of the whole world at the time of his death. Of all the accomplishments for which he was noted, Dr. Steinmetz was hailed more for his invention of artificial lightning than anything else. He was compared to a modern "Jove" hurling a bolt of artificial lightning with the energy of 1,000,000 horsepower, and getting the shattering effect of real lightning.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

Transfers of Traveling Elders.—The following tranfers of traveling Elders have been made:

John M. Jones, Newcastle conference to the Liverpool conference.

Lyle A. Riggs, Liverpool conference to the Sheffield conference.

Releases and Departures.—The following missionaries, honorably released from their labors in the British mission, sailed for home the 7th inst., per ss. *Montrose*.

Merrill D. Clayson, President Manchester conference.
Vernon W. Manghan, Irish and Birmingham conferences.
Leonard D. Jenson, Liverpool and London conferences.
William C. Thornley, Birmingham conference.

Arrivals and Appointments.—The following missionaries arrived in Liverpool, Sunday, the 2nd inst., per s.s. *Montrose*: For the British mission—Claudius D. Wheeler, Murray, Utah, assigned to the Newcastle conference; Dan A. Hickman, Ogden, Utah, assigned to the Birmingham conference; Reed M. Ogden, Richfield, Utah, assigned to the Bristol conference; Ellis L. Rees, Brigham, Utah, assigned to the Birmingham conference; J. Leland Behunin, Ferron, Utah, assigned to the Hull conference. For the Netherlands mission—Clifton E. Thayne, Sandy, Utah, and Milton L. Christensen, Charles V. Coggle and Adrianne M. Zappey, of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Baptisms.—Saturday, the 24th ult., a baptismal service was held at Bradford (Leeds conference) under the direction of President David D. Lamph. Twenty-four candidates were baptized by Elders Robert G. Gibbons and Rudger C. Atkin. Five candidates were from the Hull conference; the others were from the various branches of the Leeds conference. Elders Frederick G. Stoddard, and J. Norman Dotson and President Guy A. Poulsen spoke on "Principle of Baptism," "Authority" and "Holy Ghost," respectively. Confirmation of the candidates was by Presidents Lamph and Poulsen and Elders Robert G. Gibbons, J. Norman Dotson, Rudger C. Atkin, K. Marsel Widtsoe, John G. Osborne, Frederick G. Stoddard, John H. Tanner, Parley A. Petersen and Elwood G. Meadows. A large number of Saints and investigators was present.

Socials.—Saturday, the 10th ult., the Pudsey branch (Leeds conference) held a delightful social for the purpose of replenishing the Sunday-school treasury. A program consisting of vocal solos, sketches and recitations was rendered. President and Sister Guy A. Poulsen were presented with a steamer rug by the members and friends of the branch as a token of remembrance.

On Saturday, the 24th ult., the Sunday-school of the Bradford branch (Leeds conference) held an evening's entertainment. Local talent was exhibited along musical and dramatic lines. Elder Lester W. Fry was presented with a pair of cuff links, and President and Sister Poulsen with a carving set. Both presents were given by members and friends of the Bradford branch in appreciation of labors performed while laboring in the Leeds conference.

Branch Conferences.—Sunday, the 18th ult., a successful district conference was held at Bristol for the Bristol, Bath and Swindon branches (Bristol conference). President John E. Wahlquist presided. Three sessions were held. In the Sunday-school session, a pleasing program under the direction of Superintendent W. E. Neal was rendered by Phyllis Taylor, Rose Tovey, Kate Bryant, Elsie Bryant and Dora Wintle. President Wahlquist was the speaker. The afternoon session was devoted to testimony bearing by the Saints. Also, Brothers H. E. Neal and W. E. Neal addressed the session. The speakers in the evening meeting were Elder Edward W. Southwick and President Wahlquist. All sessions were well attended.

A successful and inspirational district conference was held at Strond, the 11th ult., for the Strond and Cheltenham branches (Bristol conference) with President John E. Wahlquist presiding and conducting. Two well-attended sessions were held. In the morning session, a program was rendered by Julia N. Cooke, A. R. Fletcher, Elizabeth Creed, Dorothy Creed, H. E. Neal, Christofer Bettridge and Nellie Middleton. Gospel talks were given by Elders Fred J. Webley, Wendell R. Anderson, Edward W. Southwick and President John E. Wahlquist.

The semi-annual conference of the Burnley branch (Liverpool conference, was held the 18th ult. There were in attendance President John Walsh, Elders Lyle A. Riggs, Cyril Bird, Arthur L. Fuller, Edward L. Burton, Jr., and George O. Gee and many Saints and friends. The Sunday-school session was held at 2 p.m. with President Walsh presiding and Superintendent John E. Owens conducting. A program was rendered by Sister Ellen Duckworth, Bobby Wilkinson and Sisters Nora Duckworth and Ethel Espley. President Walsh and Elder Edward L. Burton, Jr., were the speakers. In the evening session the speakers were Elders Lyle A. Riggs, George O. Gee and President John Walsh. A violin and mandolin duet was rendered by Brothers William Lomas and Robert Wilkinson. The resignation of President John E. Owens was accepted by the congregation.

Meetings of Traveling Elders.—An unusually interesting Priesthood meeting was held in Cardiff the 24th ult. President John W. Crofts and all the traveling Elders of the Welsh conference were present. Elder A. Lewis Elggren gave instructions on "How to Prepare a Sermon." Elder Ralph Jones instructed on "How to Deliver a Sermon." Both speakers were well prepared; valuable information was gained by all in attendance. President Crofts outlined the work for the following month and gave good suggestions.

Monday morning, the 12th ult., President David O. McKay met with the traveling Elders of the Sheffield conference. There were also in attendance Sister Emma Ray McKay and Elders G. Martin

Hopfenbeck and William E. Allen from the Liverpool office, and Presidents Marion Rogers, Ezra T. Benson and Merrill D. Clayson, formerly of the Hull, Newcastle and Manchester conferences respectively. A striking feature of the meeting was the testimonies of those in attendance. Within fifteen minutes the following important features or characteristics of the Church were pointed out in the testimonies borne: (1) The organization; (2) Priesthood—each man an authoritative representative of God; (3) Comprehensiveness—the Gospel embraces all truth; (4) Its power to develop leaders; (5) Its high standard of morals and ethics; (6) Brotherhood of the Priesthood; (7) Opportunity for service; (8) Harmony with truth; (9) Its glorious hope and assurance of peace and happiness; (10) Unselfish service rendered by the Priesthood and membership; (11) Assurance of Eternal Life—immortality of the soul; (12) Its social aspects, or adaptability to social needs; (13) Temporal salvation—here and now; (14) Source of joy and happiness—the more one works the more one gets; (15) Strength of individual testimony; (16) Solicitation for, and means of caring for the poor and needy; (17) Opportunity for individual effort; (18) Its means for accomplishing the purpose of Life, which is to subdue matter that we might realize the ideal—unity or oneness with God. President Fielding K. Smith reported the condition of the conference, after which President McKay outlined the work for the ensuing year in accordance with the aim for 1924. He also gave valuable instructions and counsel to those present.

A special meeting of the traveling Elders of the Leeds conference was held at 47 Sydenham Place, Bradford, the 26th ult. President David D. Lamph presided. All the elders gave expressions and thoughts for plans of the future. Wise and timely counsel was given by President Lamph.

The regular monthly meeting of the traveling Elders of the Sheffield conference was held in Sheffield, Saturday, the 24th ult., with President Fielding K. Smith presiding. The missionaries reported their labors, offered valuable suggestions and bore strong testimonies. Important phases of the work were discussed and an activity program for the ensuing month was outlined.

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